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Director, EURA

FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Research Program

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1. There are several issues from yesterday's meeting on which I want to make sure you understand my views clearly.

- First, the more we discussed it, the more I concluded that a program with major separate themes on structural change, generational change, and warnings of change is in need of a basic revamping. Something needs to be done to integrate those and put them in some sort of context.
- Second, I believe that the text, while identifying a number of problems, does not identify what the key policy questions are going to be during that period that we will be addressing. I believe this needs to be made more explicit.
- Third, I want you to consider the status and potential of defense industries in Western Europe as a major priority. Regardless of what theme you place them in, I want projects that give the policymakers some sense of the status of these industries and their potential vis a vis both the Alliance and as a potential competitor or arms agent elsewhere in the world.
- On Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, I'm impatient with the failure to proceed more quickly on basic research on East European trade with the Soviet Union, particularly in those areas that have some potential defense application in the USSR. The paper on trade in machinery and equipment and the exploratory project on chemicals are excellent examples of what I have in mind. Before we do broad interpretative studies, we need to do some building block papers that identify just how important this trade is to the USSR, particularly in

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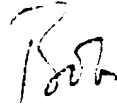
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the military industrial context. It seems to me that this is an area where innovative use of contracts could be extremely valuable. []

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2. As we have talked so often, in the European arena, broad overview papers, especially in the political sphere, seem to be less useful -- e.g., attitudes toward SDI (this is current support, not long term research); Italy: A More Assertive Foreign Policy (again, not really research); Sweden-USSR; Portugal, Legacy of the Revolution, etc. []

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